Exhibit "I"

PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION NO. 1 401(k) SAVINGS FUND

WHEREAS, the parties hereto believe that it is in the best interest of the Employees to provide retirement benefits and for that purpose to continue this Fund; and

WHEREAS, Participating Employers who are parties to Collective Bargaining Agreements with the Union or who are parties to a participation agreement with the Trustees of the Plumbers Local Union No. 1 401(k) Savings Fund, agree to forward to the Fund the Deferred Salary Contributions which their eligible Employees have elected to make to the Fund as well as any Employer Contributions required to be made to the Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants and agreements contained in this Trust Agreement, the parties hereto agree to and adopt all of the terms and provisions contained herein and the Trustees declare that they will receive, hold, use and apply the contributions and any other money or property which may come into their hands as Trustees for the exclusive benefit of the Employees and their Beneficiaries upon the terms, conditions and trusts hereinafter stated.

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

Unless the context or subject matter requires otherwise, the following definitions will govern in this Trust Agreement.

Section 1. Association. "Association" means the Association of Contracting Plumbers of the City of New York, Inc.

Section 2. Beneficiary. "Beneficiary" means a person designated by an Employee or by the terms of the Plan of Benefits created pursuant to this Trust Agreement, who is or may become entitled to a benefit from this Fund.

Section 3. Code. "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (United States Code, Title 26) as amended from time to time.

Section 4. Collective Bargaining Agreement. "Collective Bargaining Agreement" means a written labor contract or other written agreement between the Union and an Employer or the Association which requires contributions to this Fund in a manner acceptable to the Trustees together with any modifications, supplements or amendments thereto. The term also includes a written agreement between the United Association or a local or state labor organization and Employers or an Employer association or a signed participation agreement between the Fund and an Employer or Employer association which requires contributions to this Fund in a manner acceptable to the Trustees.

Section 5. Employee. "Employee" means those employees who are employed by any Employer as defined in Article I, Section 4, and on whose behalf contributions are required to be made to the Fund pursuant to a Collective Bargaining Agreement and such other persons as the Trustees determine to be employees under the Plan of Benefits. The Trustees have the authority to adopt rules covering eligibility, termination of eligibility, reinstatement of eligibility, reporting and

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record keeping requirements for Employees. The Trustees have the authority to adopt contribution requirements for Employees who participate in the Fund under an agreement with the Trustees.

Section 6. Employer. "Employer" means:

- a. An employer which is a member of or is represented in collective bargaining by the Association and which is bound by a Collective Bargaining Agreement providing for payments to the Fund including payments with respect to employees represented by the Union or with respect to other employees of the employer approved by the Trustees, or which is otherwise required to make such payments.
- b. An employer which is not a member of or represented in collective bargaining by the Association but which has executed a Collective Bargaining Agreement providing for payments to the Fund including payments with respect to employees represented by the Union or with respect to other employees of the employer approved by the Trustees, or which is otherwise required to make such payments.
- c. An employer that is bound by an agreement with the United Association to make payments into the Fund for work performed within the territorial or trade jurisdiction of the Union.
- d. The Union, for the purpose of making payments into the Fund as the employer of the employees of the Union for whom the Union agrees to contribute to the Fund in accordance with the rules adopted by the Trustees.
- e. A state or local labor organization, for the purpose of making payments into the Fund as the employer of the employees of such labor organizations who were previously participants in this Fund for which such labor organizations agree to contribute to the Fund in accordance with the rules adopted by the Trustees.

f. This Fund or other trust funds to which the Union is a party, and the Plumbing Industry Board as the administrative office of the Local 1 Funds, for the purpose of making payments into this Fund as the employer of employees of such trust funds for which such trust funds agree to contribute to this Fund in accordance with the rules adopted by the Trustees.

g. The Association, for the purpose of making payments into the Fund as the employer of employees of the Association for which the Association agrees to contribute to the Fund in accordance with the rules adopted by the Trustees.

Provided, however, that the foregoing reference to the Union, or state or local labor organizations, the Plumbing Industry Board and trust funds as "Employers" will not convey to these organizations any right or privilege granted by this Trust Agreement to Employers who are contractors.

Section 7. ERISA. "ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, any amendments as may from time to time be made and any regulations promulgated pursuant to the provisions of ERISA.

<u>Section 8</u>. <u>Fund</u>. "Fund" means the trust fund provided for in this Trust Agreement, and means generally the monies, investments, insurance policies and other things of value which comprise the corpus, income and additions to the Fund.

Section 9. Plan of Benefits. "Plan of Benefits" means the program of benefits established by the Board of Trustees pursuant to this Trust Agreement and as subsequently amended by the Trustees.

Section 10. Trust Agreement. "Trust Agreement" means this document including any amendments, supplements and modifications made pursuant hereto.

Section 11. Trustees. "Trustees" means the Trustees designated and appointed in accordance with the terms of this Trust Agreement.

Section 12. Union. "Union" means Local Union No. 1 affiliated with the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, AFL-CIO.

Section 13. United Association, "United Association" means the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, AFL-CIO.

<u>ARTICLE II</u> CONTINUATION OF THE FUND

Section 1. Continuation of the Fund. This Agreement continues a Fund known as the Plumbers Local Union No. 1 401(k) Savings Fund.

Section 2. Purpose of Fund. The Fund continued by this Trust Agreement is for the exclusive purposes of providing retirement benefits for its participants and their beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the Fund in accordance with this Trust Agreement, the Plan of Benefits and ERISA. It is a multi-employer plan as that term is defined in Section 3(37) of ERISA.

Section 3. Irrevocable Purpose. The Fund continued by this Trust Agreement is an irrevocable trust established for the exclusive benefit of employees, in accordance with Section 302(c) of the Labor-Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended by Public Law 86-257, 1959, and in accordance with ERISA.

Section 4. Composition of Fund. The assets of this Fund consist of (1) the sums of money that have been or will be paid or which are due and owing to the Fund by the Employers as required by Collective Bargaining Agreements; (2) the sums of money that have been or may be paid to the Fund by Employees, including payments directly as a self-payment at the election of the Employee; (3) all investments made therewith, the proceeds thereof and the income therefrom, (4) all policies of insurance including dividends, interest, refunds, or other sums payable to the Trustees on account

of said policies; (5) all other contributions and payments to or due and owing to the Trustees from any source to the extent permitted by law; and (6) supplies, property and other assets used by the Trustees in the administration of the Fund.

ARTICLE III BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. Board of Trustees. The operation and administration of the Fund will be the responsibility of a Board of Trustees, composed of eight (8) Trustees, four (4) of whom will be Employer Trustees, designated and appointed by the Association, and four (4) of whom will be Union Trustees, designated and appointed by the Union.

There may also be up to eight (8) alternate Trustees. Up to four (4) of the alternate Trustees may be appointed by the Union and up to four (4) of the Alternate Trustees may be appointed by the Association. The Alternate Trustees shall serve in the place of any of the Trustees who are unable to attend a regular or special meeting of the Trustees or who are temporarily incapacitated from serving. At or before a meeting, the Union and the Association may designate one or more of the Alternate Trustees to serve in the place, of any absent Union or Association Trustees respectively.

The composition of the Board of Trustees may be changed at any time by majority vote of the Trustees.

Section 2. Acceptance of Trusteeship. Each Trustee and Alternate Trustee will sign a written acceptance and thereby will accept the Trust established by this Trust Agreement, will consent to act as Trustee and will agree to administer the Fund as provided in this Trust Agreement. The written acceptance will be in a form satisfactory to the Trustees and consistent with ERISA and will be filed at the office of the Fund.

Section 3. Appointment and Removal of Trustees. Trustees representing the Employers will be appointed by the Association from among the members of the Association who are Employers or officers of Employers. Any Employer Trustee may be removed from office at any

time for any reason by the Association. Trustees representing the Union will be appointed by the Union from among the officers of the Union. A Union Trustee may be removed from office at any time, for any reason, by the Union. Any such appointment or termination will be effective as stated in a written notice which will be given to the remaining Trustees.

Section 4. Name. The Trustees will conduct the business of the Fund and execute all documents in the name of the Plumbers Local Union No. 1 401(k) Savings Fund.

Section 5. Resignation and Replacement of Trustees. A Trustee may resign and become and remain fully discharged from all further duty or responsibility under this Trust Agreement by giving thirty (30) days' written notice of such resignation to the Co-Chairmen of the Board of Trustees, or such notice as the remaining Trustees may accept as sufficient. The notice will state the date on which the resignation will take effect and the resignation will take effect on the date stated in the notice unless a successor Trustee is appointed at an earlier date, in which event the resignation will take effect immediately upon the appointment of the successor Trustee.

In the event of the resignation, death, incapacity or the unwillingness of any of the Trustees to serve, a successor Trustee will be designated by the Union or Association, as applicable, in accordance with this Trust Agreement. The remaining Trustees will be notified of such designation in writing.

Any successor Trustee designated as provided in this Trust Agreement will sign an acceptance of this Trust Agreement as provided in Section 2 of this Article, and will thereby become vested with all the rights, powers, discretion and duties of his predecessor Trustee.

Any retiring or terminated Trustee will promptly turn over to the remaining Trustees at the office of the Fund any and all records, books, documents, monies and other property in his possession which are a part of the Fund and related to the fulfillment of the Trustees' duties and responsibilities under this Trust Agreement.

The powers of the Trustees to act, as provided in this Trust Agreement, will not be impaired or limited in any way pending the designation of a successor Trustee to fill any vacancy.

<u>Section 6.</u> Term of Trustees. A Trustee will continue to serve until his death, incapacity, resignation, removal, or expiration of his term as established by the Union or Association, as applicable, designating the Trustee.

<u>Section 7. Payment of Trustees.</u> The Trustees may not receive compensation for the performance of their duties but may be reimbursed, in accordance with ERISA, for any reasonable and necessary expense which they may incur in the performance of their duties.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS AND DECISIONS OF THE TRUSTEES

Section 1. Officers of the Trustees. The Union Trustees and the Employer Trustees shall each respectively designate from amongst themselves a Co-Chairman who shall serve until the designation of his successor.

Section 2. Meetings of the Trustees. Regular meetings of the Trustees will be held at such times and places as determined by the Co-Chairmen. At or before a meeting, the Union and the Association may designate an alternate Co-Chairman to serve in the place of a Co-chairman. An alternate Co-Chairman has all the privileges of a Co-Chairman. Reasonable notice of the meetings will be provided, except that meetings may be held at any time without notice if all the Trustees consent thereto in writing. Special meetings may be called by either Co-Chairman upon three (3) days' written notice. The Trustees will meet at least once each year and at such other times as they find it necessary to conduct their business.

Section 3. Quorum. In any meeting of the Trustees, four (4) Trustees, consisting of at least two (2) Union Trustees and at least two (2) Employer Trustees, will constitute a quorum for the

conduct of business. At all meetings, the Employer and Union Trustees will have equal voting strength.

Section 4. Majority Vote of Trustees. Except as provided in Section 6 below, all action by the Trustees will be by majority decision of the Union Trustees present and voting and the majority decision of the Employer Trustees present and voting. This requirement for a decision by a majority of both Union and Employer Trustees voting will apply not only to this Article but to any portion of this Trust Agreement which refers to action by the Trustees. If any matter presented to the Trustees for a decision cannot be decided because there is no quorum at two successive regular or special meetings, or because of a tie vote at any meeting, the matter may be submitted to arbitration, as set forth in Article IX of this Trust Agreement.

Section 5. Minutes of Meetings. The Trustees or someone designated by them will keep minutes of all meetings. The minutes need not be verbatim. Copies of the minutes will be sent to all the Trustees and to other persons as the Trustees may direct. Minutes of a meeting will be reviewed and approved by the Trustees at the next meeting.

Section 6. Action of Trustees Without Meeting. The Trustees may also take action without a meeting, in writing or by telephone conference call, provided that, in such cases, there must be unanimous agreement of all Trustees.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. Conduct of Trust Business. The Trustees shall have authority to control and manage the operation and administration of the Fund and shall conduct the business and activities of the Fund in accordance with this Trust Agreement and applicable law. The Trustees shall hold, manage and protect the Trust Fund and collect the income therefrom and contributions thereto. Except as provided in this Trust Agreement or as determined by the

Trustees, all actions taken by the Trustees that are fiduciary or would otherwise by considered settlor actions shall be considered fiduciary actions within the meaning of the Act. The Trustees shall be the Named Fiduciary and the Administrator of the Legal Services Fund as those terms are defined in the Act.

Section 2. Use of the Fund for Expenses and to Provide Benefits.

- (a) The Trustees have the power and authority to use and apply the Fund to pay or provide for the payment of all reasonable and necessary expenses (i) to collect Employer contributions and payments and other monies and property to which they may be entitled and (ii) to administer this Fund, including the purchase or lease of premises, material, supplies and equipment, (iii) to obtain such legal, actuarial, consulting, investment, administrative, accounting, clerical and other services as they determine to be necessary or appropriate, and (iv) to perform such other acts as the Trustees, in their sole discretion, find necessary or appropriate to perform their duties.
- (b) The Trustees have the power and authority to use and apply the Fund to provide for retirement benefits to eligible Employees and Beneficiaries in accordance with the terms, provisions and conditions of the Plan of Benefits adopted by the Trustees pursuant to this Trust Agreement.
- Section 3. Construction and Determinations by Trustees. Subject to the purposes of the Fund and the provisions of this Trust Agreement, the Trustees have full and exclusive discretionary authority to determine all questions of eligibility, amount of benefit, method of providing for benefits, and all other related matters. They have full discretionary power to interpret the provisions of this Trust Agreement and the Plan of Benefits, and the terms used in these documents and any rules and regulations issued in connection with these documents. Any such determination and any

such interpretation adopted by the Trustees in good faith will be binding upon the Union, Association, Employers, Employees and their Beneficiaries.

Section 4. General Powers. In addition to other powers set forth herein or conferred by law, the Trustees are hereby empowered to:

- (a) demand, collect, receive and hold contributions and take any action which they may find necessary or desirable to collect contributions due the Fund;
- compromise, settle, arbitrate and release claims or demands in favor of or against the (b) Fund or the Trustees on such terms and conditions as the Trustees may determine to be advisable; commence or defend any legal, equitable or administrative proceedings brought in connection with the Fund and represent the Fund in all such proceedings;
- pay or provide for the payment of all reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting contributions and payments;
- (d) enter into any and all contracts and agreements for carrying out the terms of this Trust Agreement and the administration of the Fund;
- enter into an investment contract or agreement with one or more insurance (e) companies for the investment and reinvestment of assets of the Fund;
- invest, reinvest and have invested and reinvested assets of this Fund, without (f) distinction between principal and income, in any type of investment the Trustees determine to be prudent. There is no limitation restricting investments in common stock to a percentage of the Fund or to a percentage of the total market value of the Fund. The Trustees have the authority, with respect to any stocks, bonds or other real or personal property which they hold as Trustees, to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges which might be lawfully exercised by a person owning similar property in his own right;

- (g) register securities or other Fund property in the name of the Fund or of the Trustees, or in the names of one or more nominees of the Trustees and to hold instruments in bearer form;
- (h) enter into and terminate agency or custody agreements with a bank, trust company or other custodian chosen by them, under which agreements the Trustees may turn over to such bank, trust company or other custodian all or a portion of the funds held by them in this Fund for safekeeping, investment or reinvestment, on such terms as the Trustees determine to be advisable;
- (i) invest the assets of the Fund in a common, collective, or commingled trust fund, to the extent permitted by ERISA and other applicable law. To the extent monies or other assets are transferred to a collective trust in exchange for an interest in the collective trust, the terms and conditions of the collective trust alone will govern the investment duties, responsibilities and powers of the trustees of the collective trust, and to the extent required by law, those terms, responsibilities, and powers will be incorporated herein by reference and will be part of this Trust Agreement;
- (j) sell, exchange, lease, convey, mortgage or dispose of any real or personal property, which is at any time a part of the Fund, on terms which the Trustees determine to be proper, and to execute and deliver any and all instruments of conveyance, lease, mortgage or transfer in connection therewith;
- (k) pay or provide for the payment of all real and personal property taxes, income taxes and other taxes levied or assessed under applicable law upon or with respect to the Fund or any money, property, or securities forming a part of the Fund;
- (l) retain such portion of the assets of the Fund in cash or cash equivalents as the Trustees may determine to be desirable, without any liability for interest on such assets;

- (m) establish and accumulate as part of the Fund such reasonable reserve funds as the Trustees, in their sole discretion, determine to be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of the Fund;
- (n) allocate fiduciary responsibilities among the Trustees, or committees of the Trustees, delegate fiduciary duties to persons other than the Trustees, and delegate Trustee responsibilities to an investment manager as provided in this Trust Agreement and in accordance with the requirements of ERISA;
- (o) appoint one or more investment managers, as that term is defined in ERISA, and enter into an agreement with such investment managers, in accordance with the requirements of ERISA, delegating to the investment manager the responsibility to control and manage, acquire and dispose of all or a portion of the assets of the Fund which the Trustees may specify;
- (p) enter into an agreement with an administrative manager or establish an arrangement in cooperation with related benefit funds to establish an administrative office or offices of the Fund and of the Trustees under the direction of the Trustees or a committee of the Trustees. The administrative office will coordinate and administer the accounting, bookkeeping and clerical services, provide for the coordination of actuarial services furnished by the consulting actuary, prepare (in cooperation where appropriate with the consulting actuary and independent auditor) all reports and other documents to be prepared, filed or distributed by the Fund in accordance with law, assist in the collection of amounts due to the Fund by Employers and Employees and perform such other duties and furnish other services as may be assigned, delegated or directed or as may be contracted by or on behalf of the Trustees;

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- (q) employ a qualified investment consultant to assist the Trustees in exercising their investment powers and authority by reviewing the investment performance, the investment policy and the types and kinds of investments made by the Trustees and/or the investment manager(s);
- (r) engage one or more independent certified public accountants, enrolled actuaries and qualified legal counsel to perform all services as may be required by applicable law and such other services as the Trustees may determine to be necessary;
- (s) pay or provide for the payment from the Fund of all costs incurred in obtaining the services of professionals, consultants, managers and other providers or services to the Fund as the Trustees determine to be necessary and in accordance with this Trust Agreement and applicable law;
 - (t) designate an agent for service of legal process for the Fund;
- (u) obtain policies of insurance, to the extent permitted by law, to insure the Trustees, the Fund, employees and agents of the Trustees and of the Fund or the administrative office while engaged in business and related activities for and on behalf of the Fund (i) with respect to liability as a result of acts, errors or omissions of the Trustees, employees or agents, and (ii) with respect to injuries or property damage. The cost of the premiums for such policies of insurance will be paid out of the Fund to the extent permitted by ERISA;
- (v) enter into reciprocal agreements (on such terms as the Trustees determine to be advisable) with trustees of other 401(k) funds to permit Employees covered by this Fund to receive credit in this Fund when working outside the geographical and/or trade jurisdiction covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements, as defined in this Trust Agreement, and to receive from 401(k) funds contributions received on behalf of such Employees by the other funds; to disburse to 401(k)

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funds contributions received on behalf of employees not normally covered under this Fund to permit those employees to receive credit in such other 401(k) funds;

- (w) merge this Fund into or with another 401(k) fund or to accept the transfer of all or a portion of the assets of another 401(k) fund in accordance with the provisions of ERISA;
- (x) establish policies, rules and procedures which the Trustees determine to be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Trust Agreement and which are not inconsistent with the terms of this Trust Agreement;
- (y) exercise their discretionary authority to make all determinations concerning initial and continuing participation of employees and employers in this Fund, eligibility, type, amount and duration of benefits;
- (z) do any and all acts, whether or not expressly authorized in this Trust Agreement, which the Trustees determine to be necessary to accomplish the general objective and purpose of providing retirement benefits to Employees.
- Section 5. Personal Liability. Except to the extent liability is imposed by ERISA, no Trustee will be liable or responsible for his own acts or for any acts or defaults of any other fiduciary or party in interest or any other person.

The Trustees, to the extent permitted by applicable law, will not incur liability by acting on any document which they believe to be genuine and to contain a true statement of facts and, if applicable, to be signed by the proper person.

Section 6. Reliance on Written Instruments and Professional Advice. Any Trustee, to the extent permitted by ERISA, may rely upon any written document purporting to have been signed by a majority of the Trustees as conclusive evidence of the fact that a majority of the Trustees have taken the action stated to have been taken in such document.

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The Trustees may, from time to time, consult with the Fund's legal counsel, actuary and any other professionals. To the extent permitted by ERISA, the Trustees will be protected in acting upon the advice of such professionals.

Section 7. Reliance by Others. No party dealing with the Trustees will be obligated to see that the funds or property of the Fund are applied to the stated purposes of the Fund, to see that the terms of this Trust Agreement have been complied with or to review the necessity of any act of the Trustees. A document executed by the Trustees will be conclusive evidence in favor of any person relying on such a document that at the time the document was executed, the Trust was in full force and effect, that the document was executed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Trust Agreement, and that the Trustees were authorized and empowered to execute the document.

Section 8. Books of Account. The Trustees or their agent will keep true and accurate books of account and records of all transactions of the Fund which will be open to the inspection of each of the Trustees at all times and which will be audited at least annually and at such other times as the Trustees determine it to be appropriate by a certified public accountant selected by the Trustees. Such audits will be available at all times for inspection by the Association, Employers, the Union and the Employees or their Beneficiaries at the principal office of the Fund.

Section 9. Surety Bonds. The Trustees and any agents or employees who are empowered and authorized to sign checks and handle monies of the Fund will be bonded by an authorized surety company qualified to write such bonds. The Trustees may also bond such other agents or employees of the Fund as they determine to be appropriate. The cost of the premiums of such bonds will be paid out of the Fund. The bonds will be in the amounts required by applicable law.

Section 10. Execution of Documents. In the course of operating the Fund the Trustees will execute documents in the name of the Plumbers Local Union No. 1 401(k) Savings Fund.

Documents may be signed by the Co-Chairmen, or one or more Trustees authorized by resolution.

Documents executed as provided above are binding on the Trustees and the Fund.

ARTICLE VI CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND

Section 1. Contributions Held in Trust. The Trustees will receive and hold payments, including but not limited to employer and employee contributions required by a Collective Bargaining Agreement, employee elective deferrals as provided for in this Trust Agreement and any other money or property which may be entrusted to them, as Trustees, with the powers and duties and for the uses and purposes set forth in this Trust Agreement. Neither the Union, the Association, the Employers, Employees, or Beneficiaries will have any right, title or interest in or to the Fund or any part of the Fund except as required by law.

Section 2. Encumbrance of Benefits. The Plumbers Local Union No. 1 401(k) Savings Fund is an irrevocable trust for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Employees and their Beneficiaries who are entitled to benefits under the Plan of Benefits.

All of the assets of the Fund will be free from the interference and control of any creditor of the Union, the Association, the Employers, Employees or Beneficiaries. No benefits will be subject to assignment or other anticipation, nor subject to seizure or to sale under any legal, equitable or other process except as may be specifically permitted by the Trustees in accordance with applicable law. If any claim or benefit becomes or may become payable to any person other than the Employee or Beneficiary entitled to the benefit, the Trustees have the power to withhold payment of the benefit to the Employee or Beneficiary until the assignment, encumbrance, anticipation or other legal process is canceled or withdrawn in a manner satisfactory to the Trustees. Until so canceled or withdrawn, the Trustees have the power and discretion to use and apply the benefits directly for the support and maintenance of the Employee or Beneficiary.

The Employers' contributions and payments due and owing to the Fund are not and will not be considered wages due to Employees. The Fund will not be liable for or subject to the debts, contracts or liabilities of the Union, the Association, Employers, Employees or Beneficiaries.

No Employee or Beneficiary has the right to receive any part of the assets of this Fund, except as provided by the Plan of Benefits.

Section 3. Rate of Contributions. Each of the Employers will pay to the Trustees or to an agent designated by the Trustees the amount of money as established and provided for in Collective Bargaining Agreements. An Employer will also be obligated to pay the amounts established in such agreements following the expiration of a Collective Bargaining Agreement if the Employer is under a duty to pay such amounts pursuant to an obligation arising under the National Labor Relations Act. The obligations of each Employer under this Trust Agreement will be binding upon the Employers' successors and assigns to the extent provided by law.

Section 4. Mode of Payment and Reports. All payments required by the Collective Bargaining Agreements as defined in Article I, Section 1 will be paid to the Trustees in the manner and form determined by the Trustees. The Employer will make all reports on contributions required by the Trustees in the performance of their duties under this Trust Agreement.

The Trustees may, at any time, designate a qualified representative to conduct an audit of the payroll, wage and other records of any Employer to permit the Trustees to determine whether the Employer is making full payments to the Fund in the amounts required by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Any data or information provided to the Trustees by an Employer or by the Union will be kept confidential and may not be disclosed by the Trustees to any third person, unless the Trustees decide that disclosure is necessary for the proper administration of the Fund.

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Section 5. Presumptions Which Apply Where Records Are Not Sufficient. Employers bound to this Trust Agreement are required to keep records that are sufficient to allow the Fund's representative and/or auditor to determine which Employee performed work for which contributions and/or payments were required to be made to the Fund by the Employer and how many hours of such work were performed. If the Fund's representative and/or auditor determines that the Employer's records are not sufficient for this purpose, it will be presumed that any individual who performed work for which contributions were required to be made to the Fund by the Employer during the period covered by the audit, spent his entire time performing such work. Therefore, unless other records are available to determine hours worked, a delinquency based on the work performed by such a person will be calculated by dividing the person's total compensation from the Employer by the applicable wage rate under the Collective Bargaining Agreement and multiplying by the appropriate rate of contribution.

Section 6. Default in Payment. Each Employer is responsible only for making contributions and payments that it is obligated to make on behalf of its Employees under its Collective Bargaining Agreement except as provided in this Trust Agreement. If an Employer does not pay any contribution or payment when due this will not relieve any other Employer of his obligation to make payments. Non-payment by one Employer of any contribution or payment when due does not impose on any other Employer, the Association or the Union any obligation with respect to such payments.

Regular, prompt and correct payment of amounts due by individual Employers to this Fund is essential for the maintenance of the Fund. It is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to establish the actual expense and damage to the Fund and to the benefit program provided by the Fund which will result from the failure of an individual Employer to make payments in full within the specified

time period established by the Trustees. Therefore, employer payments and the completed reporting forms are due by the twentieth (20th) business day following the end of each calendar month. Employee payments and completed reporting forms are due by the fifteenth (15th) business day following the end of each calendar month. If an Employer does not file a report or make contributions within ten (10) calendar days of the due date, the employer shall be considered delinquent. The Trustees may assess liquidated damages against any delinquent employer in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of the amount due if payment is not received by the due date. Any assessed liquidated damages may be added to and become a party of the amount due. The Trustees may also require any delinquent employer to pay interest at a rate up to 18% per annum, on the amount due from the date of delinquency until the date of payment. If an audit of an Employer's records discloses contributions due to the Fund, the Employer will also be obligated to pay the audit fee.

The Trustees have the power to take any action necessary to enforce the payment of contributions and other amounts due, which may include filing or intervening in any legal, equitable or administrative proceedings. All reasonable expenses incurred by the Fund to enforce the payment of amounts due, including but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, accountants' or auditor's fees and court costs will be added to the amount owed by the delinquent Employer in addition to the amount of contributions and payments due and the liquidated damages and interest provided for above. The Trustees have the authority to settle or compromise any claim, suit, or legal action for less than full amount due or to waive amounts due or determine amounts due to be uncollectible when in the Trustees' discretion they determine it to be in the best interest of the Fund.

The Trustees or a committee appointed by the Trustees have the discretion to adopt such rules and procedures concerning payments to the Fund, audits, liquidated damages and to enforce

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the collection of delinquent contributions as they determine to be necessary. The Trustees may, in their discretion, require a bond or deposit as security for the prompt future payment of contributions and other amounts due to the Fund. The Trustees may, in their discretion, adopt special rules, including but not limited to, more frequent reporting and payment of contributions in the event an Employer has been repeatedly delinquent or based on the Employer's financial condition, if the Trustees determine that this is necessary to prevent or limit the size of a current or potential delinquency.

Section 7. Projection of Delinquency. Where an Employer is two or more months delinquent in making the contributions required on behalf of his Employees and has not submitted the required documents showing the Employees who worked for him and the hours worked, the Trustees may project as the amount of the delinquency the greater of (a) the average of the monthly payments or reports actually submitted by the Employer for the last three (3) months for which payments or reports were submitted or (b) the average of the monthly payments or reports submitted by the Employer for the last twelve (12) months for which payments or reports were submitted. This projection of delinquency may be made in place of a demand for production of payroll documents, or if the Employer fails to provide such documents, in place of an audit. The projection may be used as a determination of payments due for each delinquent month, and may be used for purposes of any lawsuit, and no other proof need be provided by the Trustees to any court or arbitrator to compute the total payments due from the Employer for all delinquent months, exclusive of liquidated damages, interest, attorneys' fees and costs set out in this Article. This provision does not, however, limit the Trustees from seeking a greater amount than the projected delinquency if a greater amount is shown to be owed by records or other evidence.

ARTICLE VII PLAN OF BENEFITS

Section 1. Benefits. The Trustees have full discretion and authority to adopt a Plan of Benefits which includes the eligibility requirements, type, amount and duration of benefits that are to be provided equally and without discrimination to eligible Employees and Beneficiaries, based on what the Trustees determine to be within the financial limitations of the Fund. However, only medical, health, welfare, death, disability and related benefits, may be provided for under this Trust Agreement.

Section 2. Eligibility Requirements for Benefits. The Trustees have full discretion and authority to determine the eligibility requirements for benefits provided by the Fund. They have full discretion and authority to adopt rules stating the eligibility requirements which will be binding on the Union, the Association, Employers, Employees, Beneficiaries and dependents and any other persons making claims.

Section 3. Written Plan of Benefits. The detailed basis on which payment of benefits is to be made pursuant to this Trust Agreement will be stated in the Plan of Benefits. The Plan of Benefits may be changed or modified by the Trustees at any time as the Trustees, in their discretion, determine is necessary based on the financial condition of the Fund, the needs of Employees and Beneficiaries and other related facts and circumstances. Any change or modification of the Plan of Benefits made by the Trustees will be stated in writing.

Section 4. Government Agency Approval. The Trust and the Plan of Benefits adopted by the Trustees will be structured and operated to continue to qualify for approval by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax exempt Trust and Plan to ensure that the Employer contributions to the Fund are proper deductions for income tax purposes. In addition, the Plan of Benefits adopted by the Trustees will be structured and operated to continue to qualify for approval by any other agency

as may be required by applicable law. It is the intention of the Trustees to fully comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and ERISA. The Trustees are authorized to file whatever applications and forms are necessary with the Internal Revenue Service or other agency to receive and maintain approval of the Trust and Plan of Benefits.

Section 5. Limitation of Employer's and Union's Obligations. Neither any Employer, nor the Association, nor the Union have any responsibility for the payment of any benefit under the Plan of Benefits. The obligation of each Employer under the Plan is a separate one and is limited to paying into the Fund the contributions that the Employer is obligated to make on behalf of its own Employees and other payments under the provisions of the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement and under the provisions of this Trust Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII CONTROVERSIES AND DISPUTES

Section 1. Reliance on Records. In connection with any controversy, claim, demand, lawsuit or other proceeding between the Union, the Association, any Employer, Employee, Beneficiary or any other person and the Trustees, the Trustees are entitled to rely to the extent permitted by ERISA, on any facts that appear in the records of the Trustees; any documents on file with the Trustees, with the Union or the Association or with the Employers; any facts certified to the Trustees by the Union the Association or an Employer; any facts which are in the public record and any other evidence pertinent to the issue involved.

Section 2. Submission to Trustees. All questions or controversies of any type that arise in any manner or between any persons in connection with the Fund or the operation of the Fund including, but not limited to, a claim for benefits by an Employee, Beneficiary or any other person, or concerning the interpretation of the language or meaning of the Plan of Benefits or this Trust Agreement or the rules and procedures adopted by the Trustees, or concerning any decision, document or account in connection with the operation of the Fund or otherwise, will be submitted to the Trustees and the decision of the Trustees will be binding upon all persons dealing with the Fund or claiming benefits under the Fund. The Trustees shall not be required to submit any provisions of the Plan of Benefits to the grievance and arbitration procedures of a Collective Bargaining Agreement or be bound by any such proceeding.

Section 3. Settling Disputes. The Trustees may, in their sole discretion, compromise or settle any claim or controversy in the manner that they determine to be in the best interest of the Fund. Any decision made by the Trustees to compromise or settle a claim or controversy, or any compromise or settlement agreement entered into by the Trustees, will be final and binding on all parties interested in this Trust.

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Section 4. Withholding Payment. If a question or dispute arises concerning the proper person or persons to whom a payment is to be made under the Plan of Benefits or this Trust, the Trustees may withhold the payment until there has been an adjudication of the question or dispute which is satisfactory to the Trustees in their sole judgment or until the Trustees have been fully protected against loss by an indemnification agreement or bond which the Trustees, in their sole judgment, determine is adequate.

ARTICLE IX ARBITRATION

Section 1. Application of this Article. If the Trustees cannot decide any matter, issue or dispute because there is no quorum at two (2) successive regular or special meetings of the Trustees, or because there is a tie vote between the Employer Trustees and Union Trustees at any meeting, then, in either event, the Employer Trustees and the Union Trustees will attempt to agree upon the designation of an impartial umpire to decide the dispute. If, within thirty (30) days after the occurrence of either of the two events referred to above the Union Trustees and the Employer Trustees fail to agree upon the selection of an impartial arbitrator, then the Union Trustees or Employer Trustees may request the American Arbitration Association to submit a panel of five (5) arbitrators from which the disputing parties will choose one (1). The decision of the impartial arbitrator will be final and binding on all parties and persons concerned.

Section 2. Expenses of Arbitration. All reasonable and necessary costs and expenses in connection with the proceedings before the impartial arbitrator, including the fee, if any, of the impartial arbitrator and including attorneys' fees incurred by the Trustees in connection with the dispute which are mutually agreed upon by the Union Trustees and Employer Trustees, is a proper charge against the Fund and the Trustees are authorized and directed to pay such charges.

Section 3. Status of Arbitrator. An impartial arbitrator or umpire agreed upon or appointed to decide any matter relating to the administration of the Fund or Plan of Benefits will be a fiduciary to the extent provided by ERISA or court or agency interpretations of ERISA.

EXECUTION OF TRUST AGREEMENT

Section 1. Counterparts. This Trust Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts. The signature of a person on any counterpart will be sufficient evidence of his execution of the Trust Agreement.

Section 2. Written Instruments. Employers, as defined herein, may adopt and become a party to this Trust Agreement by signing a Collective Bargaining Agreement in which the Employer agrees to participate in the Fund under the terms of this Trust Agreement and the rules and procedures adopted by the Trustees.

AMENDMENT TO TRUST AGREEMENT

Section 1. Amendment by Trustees. The provisions of this Trust Agreement may be amended to any extent and at any time by a document in writing adopted by a majority of the Union Trustees and a majority of the Employer Trustees. It is expressly understood and agreed that no amendment will direct any of the trust assets then in the hands of the Trustees from the purposes and objects of the Fund.

Section 2. Retroactive Effect. The Trustees have full power and discretion to establish the effective date of any Amendment. Any Amendment may have retroactive effect if it is determined to be necessary by the Trustees.

ARTICLE XII TERMINATION OF TRUST

- Section 1. By the Trustees. This Trust Agreement may be terminated by a document in writing adopted a majority of the Union Trustees and a majority of the Employer Trustees if any one or more of the following events occur:
- (a) if, in the opinion of the Trustees, the Fund is not adequate to carry out the intent and purpose of this Trust Agreement, or is not adequate to meet the payments due or which may become due under the Plan of Benefits;
- (b) if there are no individuals living who can qualify as Employees or Beneficiaries under this Trust Agreement;
- (c) if Collective Bargaining Agreements requiring contributions to the Fund are no longer in force and effect.
- Section 2. Procedure on Termination. If this Trust Agreement is terminated, the Trustees will:
- (a) provide for the payment out of the Fund of expenses incurred up to the date of termination of the Trust and the expenses in connection with the termination;
- (b) arrange for a final audit and report of their transactions and accounts for the purpose of terminating their Trusteeship;
 - (c) give any notice and prepare and file any reports which may be required by law; and
- (d) apply the Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Plan of Benefits including amendments adopted as part of the termination until the Fund is disbursed.

No part of the corpus or income of the Fund will be used for or diverted to purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of the Employees and the Beneficiaries or the administrative expenses

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of the Fund. Under no circumstances will any portion of the Fund revert or inure to the benefit of any contributing Employer, the Association or the Union either directly or indirectly.

Section 3. Notification of Termination. Upon termination of the Fund under this Article, the Trustees will promptly notify the Union, the Association, Employers, and all other interested parties. The Trustees will continue as Trustees for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the Fund.

ARTICLE XII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1. <u>Termination of Individual Employers</u>. An Employer will cease to be an Employer within the meaning of this Trust Agreement when he is no longer obligated, pursuant to a Collective Bargaining Agreement, to make contributions to this Fund.

Section 2. Situs. The State of New York is the situs of the Fund established by this Trust Agreement. All questions pertaining to validity, construction and administration of this Fund will be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of New York to the extent not preempted by the laws of the United States.

Section 3. Construction of Terms. Wherever any words are used in this Trust Agreement in the masculine gender, they will be interpreted and applied as though they are also used in the feminine or neuter gender, in all situations where this would apply. Wherever any words are used in this Trust Agreement in the singular form, they will be interpreted and applied as though they are also used in the plural form in all situations where this would apply. Wherever any words are used in this Trust Agreement in the plural form, they will be interpreted and applied as though they are also used in the singular form in all situations where this would apply.

Section 4. Notice. Any notice required to be given to one or more of the Trustees pursuant to any provision of this Trust Agreement will be deemed to have been given if it is mailed to the Trustee or Trustees at the most recent address of the Trustee on file with the Fund.

Section 5. Severability. If any provision in this Trust Agreement, the Plan of Benefits or rules and procedures adopted thereunder, or in any Collective Bargaining Agreement, is determined to be illegal or invalid for any reason, this determination will not affect other provisions contained in those documents, unless the determination concerning the illegal or invalid provision would make the functioning of the Fund or the Plan of Benefits impossible or impractical. In such case, the appropriate parties will promptly adopt a new provision to take the place of the illegal or invalid provision.

Section 6. Refund of Contributions. In no event, will any Employer, directly or indirectly, receive any refund of contributions made by him to the Fund except as provided in ERISA. Under no circumstances will any portion of the Fund revert or inure to the benefit of any contributing Employer, the Association or the Union either directly or indirectly.

Section 7. Article and Section Titles. The Article and Section titles are included solely for convenience and will not be interpreted to affect or modify any provision of this Trust Agreement or be interpreted as provisions of this Trust Agreement.

Section 8. Benefits Payable from Fund Only. Benefits provided for by this Trust Agreement and/or the Plan of Benefits are only payable to the extent there are assets in the Fund to pay such benefits. Neither the Trustees, nor the Union, the Association or Employers guarantee the payment of benefits, in the event the assets of the Fund are insufficient for this purpose.

Section 9. Complete Agreement. The provisions of this Trust Agreement exclusively will define the powers, duties, rights and obligations of all persons who have a relation to the Trust,

except that the amount of the employer contributions will be provided for in Collective Bargaining Agreements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have adopted and executed this document, as evidence of their acceptance of the Trust hereby established and their agreement to be bound by the Trust this 7 day of October, 2003.

PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION NO. 1

ASSOCIATION OF CONTRACTING PLUMBERS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, INC.

UNION TRUSTEES